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FR 2456044 A and DE 83 02 397 U1 were cited in the International Search Report in PCT Application No. 05/012131, filed April 8, 2005, which corresponds to the present application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached. The search report indicates that FR '044 was thought to be relevant under category "Y" to claims 4 and 5 that were submitted originally in the PCT application. The search report also indicates that DE '397 was thought to be relevant under category "X" to claims 1, and 7-9 that were submitted originally in the PCT application.

FR 2446232 A was cited in the Great Britain Search Report in GB Application No. 0408052.9, filed

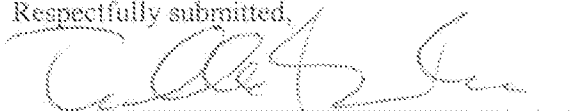
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April 8, 2004, which corresponds to the present application. A copy of the Great Britain Search Report is attached. The search report indicates that FR '232 was thought to be relevant under category "A" to the whole disclosure that was submitted originally in the GB application.

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